



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held March 9, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“A bill before the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate, S. 1716, would make funds available to small cities and jurisdictions to help them meet their Phase II Municipal Storm Water obligations. The unincorporated areas of Antelope Valley in the northern part of the County as well as the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Avalon could be the beneficiaries of such funding. The bill was introduced by Senator Chafee and is cosponsored by Senators Bond and Jeffords. Senator Boxer is on that Committee.

“The unincorporated County area north of Avenue S is not included in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and is, therefore, not eligible to receive Flood Control Benefit Assessment revenues. This lack of funding puts a strain on the area’s needs to meet stormwater quality goals while maintaining vital infrastructure. In the early history of the Clean Water Act, the Federal government had a grant funding mechanism that distributed some \$500 million to upgrade publicly and privately owned sewage treatment plants. The effort resulted in a noticeable improvement in the health of the nation’s waters. A similar effort to provide funds for the development and implementation of Phase II storm water quality improvements will also make a difference in cleaning up nonpoint source pollution.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisors Burke and Knabe being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was requested to prepare five-signature letters to Senators Boxer and Feinstein and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation supporting the passage of S.1716 (Chafee), legislation which would establish grants to assist small cities and local jurisdictions in accomplishing Phase II stormwater quality goals.

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